



Transportation Update

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which included \$27.5 billion in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding and \$8.4 billion in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. It is estimated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will receive roughly \$154 million through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) sub-allocated program and \$341 million in FTA formula funds for a total of regional ARRA formula distribution of roughly \$495 million. The table below summarizes the regional programming approved by MTC on February 25, 2009.

Program	Focus Area	Project Name	Proposed Regional Investment	% STP & FTA Funds
Transit FTA 5307/5309	System Preservation	Transit Rehabilitation	\$271 Million	79%
	Train to Plane	Oakland Airport Connector	\$ 70 Million	21%
Subtotal:			\$341 Million	100%
Surface Transportation Program	System Preservation	Local Road Rehabilitation	\$122 Million	79%
	Safety	Vasco Rd Safety Imps – CC County	\$ 10 Million	8%
		North Bay Safety Improvements	\$ 3 Million	
	Smart Highways	Freeway Performance – Ramp Meters	\$ 19 Million	13%
Subtotal:			\$154 Million	100%
Total:			\$495 Million	

Alameda County will receive the following:

- ♦ \$24.6 Million for local street and roads rehabilitation
- ♦ \$70 Million for Oakland Airport Connector

For Transit Rehabilitation the following funds are programmed:

- ♦ \$65.4 Million for BART
- ♦ \$25.7 Million for AC Transit
- ♦ \$3.0 for LAVTA
- ♦ \$297,000 for Union City

The ARRA is meant to jumpstart the economy and it includes provisions to ensure timely expenditure of funds. The following summarizes the final enacted 'use it or lose it' rules:

STP Sub-allocated Funds

- ♦ Obligation within 1 year
- ♦ All funds expire if not obligated by September 20, 2010

FTA Formula Funds

- ♦ 50% of funds: Obligation within 180 days
- ♦ Remaining funds: Obligation within 1 year
- ♦ All funds expire if not obligated by September 20, 2010

MTC has somewhat tighter deadlines. See MTC website.

Guaranteed Ride Home Program

At its February 2008 meeting, the CMA Board approved the Evaluation of the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) Program which included the following recommendations:

- ♦ Continue to rely on Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) grants to fund the GRH Program for now.
- ♦ Investigate implementing a regional GRH Program with MTC and all nine counties in the region.
- ♦ Expand the GRH Program in Alameda County into a comprehensive TDM Program (pending new funding).
- ♦ Investigate requiring employees to contribute up to 50 percent towards the cost of the program and/or a \$10 to \$20 co-payment per employee (after certain conditions are in place).
- ♦ Eliminate the minimum number of 75 employees per employer requirement.

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CMA 2009 Legislative Program

At its January meeting, the CMA Board adopted its 2009 legislative program outlining the following:

State:

1. Transportation Funding:
 - Oppose efforts to divert transportation funding as part of the FY 08-09 and 09-10 budgets.
 - Support a constitutional amendment to protect transportation revenue
 - Support or sponsor legislation to permit a county to bond STIP shares.
 - Sponsor legislation to permit CMAs to levy or seek voter approval of a vehicle registration fee.
 - Support broader eligibility in the Transportation Fund for Clean Air.
2. Support or sponsor legislation to increase the authorized number of HOT lanes.
3. Climate Change/Global Warming:
 - SB 375 cleanup.
 - Support efforts by the State to increase automobile fuel efficiency.
4. Support or sponsor legislation to provide a stable source of revenue to support the operation of the CMA's SMART Corridors Program.
5. Support or sponsor legislation to eliminate the impact of relinquishments on STIP County share.

Federal:

1. Federal Transportation Reauthorization:
 - Advance the California Consensus Principles.
 - Develop and promote candidate projects for earmarks.
2. Promote the inclusion of transportation funding in the economic stimulus package.
3. Climate Change/Global Warming:
 - Support increased fuel economy standards for autos and trucks.
 - Support federal legislation that would permit more widespread use of pricing and a carbon tax as a way to manage demand.
4. Support earmarks for key CMA programs in annual appropriations.

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Upcoming Meetings

March

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| 3 | CMA Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC) |
| 9 | I-680 Joint Powers Agreement |
| 9 | CMA Administration and Legislation Committee |
| 9 | CMA Plans and Programs Committee |
| 11 | CTC meeting—Sacramento |
| 26 | CMA Board |

April

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| 7 | CMA Technical Advisory Committee |
| 13 | I-680 Joint Powers Agreement |
| 13 | CMA Administration and Legislation Committee |
| 13 | CMA Plans and Programs Committee |
| 15-16 | CTC Folsom |
| 26 | CMA Board |

Various Reports Approved

The CMA Board approved the following reports at its February meeting and are now available on the CMA website:

- ◆ 2007-08 Annual Report
- ◆ STIP At Risk Report
- ◆ STP/CMAQ At Risk Report
- ◆ CMA Exchange Program Status Report
- ◆ TFCA Program At Risk Report



Transportation Professional of the Year

On January 22, 2009, the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) San Francisco Bay Area Section, awarded "Transportation Professional of the Year 2008" to Cyrus Minoofar. He was recognized for his successful implementation of several major regional transportation projects. Minoofar is CMA's Manager of Intelligent Transportation Systems.